GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:453
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DRY LAND FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated, released and utilized for the promotion of Dry Land Farming during Tenth Plan, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the targets fixed and success achieved thereunder during the above period, State-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated under the scheme - `Enhancing Sustainability of Dry Land Farming Systems` in the Eleventh Plan, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 453 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH MAY, 2007.

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Agriculture is contemplating a new scheme `Enhancing Sustainability of Dryland Farming Systems` to enhance the agricultural production in dryland areas in identified arid and semi arid districts in seven States viz. Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Karnataka. The list of districts identified on the basis of rainfall, moisture index and irrigation coverage is given at Annexure. The scheme focuses on rainwater harvesting and its efficient utilization, in-situ moisture conservation, use of organic manures, alternate land use and adoption of improved dryland farming technologies. An allocation of Rs.200.00 crore (B.E.) has been made in the Annual Plan 2007-08. The State-wise releases will be made after getting the approval of the scheme.